

To His Excellency SIR GEORGE PREVOST, BARONET, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower-Canada, Upper-Canada, Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and their several Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, Lieutenant-General and Commander of all His Majesty's Forces in the said Provinces of Lower-Canada and Upper-Canada, Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick, and their several Dependencies, and in the Islands of Newfoundland, Prince Edward, Cape Breton and Bermuda, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE, the Inhabitants of the City and neighbourhood of Quebec, beg leave to congratulate Your Excellency on your safe return to the bosom of your much respected Family.

We have beheld with admiration the resources which the wise and conciliatory measures of Your Excellency have, in a most eminent degree, brought into operation; and under Divine Providence, our utmost gratitude is due to Your Excellency, for having, hitherto, without the effusion of blood, arrested the threatened invasion of our Country by an inveterate foe, envious of our happiness, and jealous of the power so justly possessed by our beloved Sovereign.

Your Excellency has duly appreciated the character of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, and we feel a pride which language can with difficulty express, in contemplating the unanimous zeal, loyalty and courage displayed by the whole Population, in the support and defence of the Government.

The confidence Your Excellency has placed in the People committed to your care, has only awakened those generous sentiments by which their ancestors were distinguished; and, in this part of the Province but one feeling prevailed at the moment of the late premeditated attack, that of regret at being at a distance from Your Excellency, and our Brethren in Arms. Your Excellency may, with confidence, rely on the unanimous co-operation of the entire Population, whenever you may see fit to call them forward.

In congratulating Your Excellency on the Surrender of Detroit, the glorious success which attended His Majesty's Arms at the Battle of Queenston, and the heroism with which our Sister Province of Upper Canada is struggling in the Common Cause, we must beg to be permitted to pay a just and well merited tribute of respect to the memory of the brave and much lamented MAJOR GENERAL BROCK, whose death we consider as a public loss.

Supported by His Majesty's Regular Forces, under the command of brave and experienced Officers, and Your Excellency possessing the confidence of all His Majesty's Subjects, we have little to dread; and we humbly beg leave to express to Your Excellency our gratitude to the Army, and to the other Embodied Corps in both Provinces, for the zeal and courage which pervades the whole.

We sincerely pray for the restoration of Peace, without a wish that the smallest concession should be made to the ambitious, unwise and unjust policy of the American Rulers. A state of warfare is by no means desirable, but forced on us by a Power with whom our Mother Country has evinced the most sincere desire of remaining at peace, we shall consider no sacrifice too great to repel every attack, and we pledge ourselves to support Your Excellency with our lives and fortunes, should the Enemy persist in their ambitious views, and dare to attempt the invasion of the Province.

That Your Excellency may be the instrument, under Divine Providence, of securing to His Majesty's North American Colonies, a continuation of the inestimable blessings they have hitherto enjoyed, that your merits may meet with the full approbation of our Beloved Sovereign, and of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent; and that you may, at the end of a glorious and successful Contest, retire in peace and happiness, to the enjoyment of every domestic felicity, is our most sincere desire; and we venture to add, without fear of contradiction, that of all our Fellow Subjects throughout the Province.